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APPLICANTS: Eijiro WATANABE et al.
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GROUP: 1649
EXAMINER: Zaghmout

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

February 22, 2000
(Tuesday after Federal Holiday)

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 19, 2000, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 11-15 and 24-27.

REMARKS

The Office Action of January 19, 2000, presents a Restriction Requirement. The Examiner presents four groups of inventions. Applicants hereby elect for examination in the present application the claims of Group I, claims 1-10 and 16-23. Claims to the non-elected invention are canceled herein without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof. Applicants reserve the